

House Resolution

No. 50

Introduced by Assembly Member Allen

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House Resolution No. 50—Relative to the State of Israel.

1 WHEREAS, On May 14, 1948, the establishment of an
2 independent Jewish state to be known as the State of Israel was
3 declared; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States of America and Israel have a
5 unique bond based on their shared, enduring values, which are
6 reflected in the virtues and principles of freedom and democracy,
7 and have stood together as allies since Israel was first formed as
8 a nation; and

9 WHEREAS, California's Jewish community has been active
10 socially, economically, and politically in the state's formation
11 since the California Gold Rush, and that involvement has had a
12 positive impact on the state's multicultural and economic
13 development; and

14 WHEREAS, California is home to an estimated 2,000,000 Jews,
15 making it the second largest concentration of Jews in the United
16 States; and

17 WHEREAS, For years, California and Israel have established
18 business partnerships and trade relations with each other, and those
19 partnerships have helped enhance the agricultural, educational,
20 energy, entertainment, health, medical, scientific, and water policies
21 in California, Israel, and the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Israel is not only the ancestral home of the Jewish
23 people, and the world's only Jewish nation, but is also inhabited
24 by people from all corners of the world, and those people practice

1 a variety of religions, including B'hai, Christianity, Druze, and
2 Islam; and

3 WHEREAS, Israel has openly and honestly negotiated with its
4 neighbors for peace, and during those negotiations, has traded land
5 in an attempt to achieve economic prosperity and peace; and

6 WHEREAS, Israel is recognized around the world as the
7 strongest democratically elected government in the Middle East,
8 and the nation's democracy and relationship as an ally to the United
9 States adds to the security and strength of California; and

10 WHEREAS, In an effort to foster community understanding,
11 peace, tolerance, communication, and brotherhood, it is important
12 to understand the contributions that people of all cultures and
13 religions living in California have made to California; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
16 *Assembly recognizes both Israel's right to exist as a nation, and*
17 *to exist within safe and secure borders; and be it further*

18 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
19 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*